

HAVOC CREATED BY STORM.

Manufacturing Plants and Residences Suffer Great Damage in the Wind and Electrical Storm That Occurred Tuesday.

HEAVY ROOFS WERE CARRIED FROM SEVERAL BUILDINGS.

Chimneys Crash Through Porches and Kitchens, Creating No End of Damage to Valuable Interior Decorations.

TOOK THE FORM OF A CYCLONE IN MANY LOCALITIES.

Alverton School House Blown Over and Children Buried in the Debris—Main's Circus Had to Abandon Performance at Akron—Tent Blew Over and Created a Panic—Local Electric Light and Railway Plants Sustain Loss—Inestimable Damage to Shade Trees—School Property Will Require Repairs.

Panic at the Duerber Works.
Malleable iron works struck by lightning. Smoke stack of Weaver's Planing Mill down. Several dwellings struck and chimneys knocked off. Garfield avenue school house damaged by lightning last night. Lightning knocked hole in roof of Wrought Iron Bridge Co. office. Shade trees down everywhere. In falling they carried down wires of telegraph, telephone and electric railway companies.

The heavy wind storm which struck Canton at 2:35 o'clock Tuesday afternoon played havoc with fine fruit and shade trees in all parts of the city. In South Market street huge branches of stately old trees that have shaded that thoroughfare for many years, were torn from the trunk and hurled into the street, as exclusively mentioned in the News-Democrat 3:30 edition yesterday. The wind traveled with the speed of a cyclone and while it kept up the pace but a few minutes, it succeeded in doing considerable damage to more valuable property than trees alone. Signs were wrenched from their fastenings and carried considerable distances. Chimneys were blown down in all parts of the city and trap doors on roofs were picked up like feathers and tossed about in the air and landed blocks away from their customary scene of usefulness. Windows were blown in, roofs raised and things for a few moments looked decidedly dangerous.

ROOF DAMAGED.

Officers at the Malleable Works Do Not Know Whether It Was the Wind or Lightning.

At the Malleable iron works the wind blew a terrific gale, and at times the storm developed into a twister. A considerable portion of the roof was torn off. About five squares of roofing are missing, and the damage will amount to about \$50. Officials at the works say that they do not know whether it was the wind that took the plates off the roof. During the storm there was a terrific crash, caused by lightning, and it is believed that the works were struck. There are evidences that a force greater than wind was at work at the place where the roof is torn up, and it is believed by some members of the office force that it was the lightning that did the damage. There were several heavy strokes of lightning in the neighborhood, and trees were struck in the woods beyond, and to the north and south.

TWO ARMATURES

Burned Out at the Electric Light Works and Wires Damaged by Falling Trees.

Electric Light Co. employees were kept busy last evening making repairs, but they were interrupted by the storm which came up later. Wires were crossed and there was considerable difficulty experienced in getting matters in shape. It is seldom that so severe an electric storm interferes so little with the service, and the company was really very lucky. Aside from some minor repairs that will have to be made to wires against which trees and limbs of trees were blown during the afternoon storm, the light station did not suffer severely but two armatures were burned out, interfering with the service. These have been repaired and the plant is able to operate as usual.

SHUT DOWN.

Planing Mill so Badly Damaged That It Was Found Impossible to Operate Today.

The big iron smoke stack on the Joseph Weaver & Sons planing mills was blown down by the wind. The stack struck the main building, tearing off the corner of the roof. A short time after the stack fell the drum of the shavings building was wrenched from the top of the building and carried into the yards. The shop is closed down today for repairs. The loss will reach several hundred dollars.

WIRE SERVICE

Interfered With, Though the Damage Was Speedily Repaired by Numerous Linemen.

Manager Hawkins of the Postal Telegraph Company stated that their wires between Massillon and Akron follow the tow path of the canal be-

tween those cities, were torn down, which was caused by trees blowing down over the wires and breaking them. Several wires were in operation this morning and Manager Hawkins was not handicapped by the storm today. At ten o'clock today all wires were in working condition.

Manager Roebuck of the Western Union Telegraph Co. said that wires were down for a short time east and north of the city, but did not cripple them to any extent. He could not estimate the damage.

A great number of wires of the Central Union Telephone Company were broken in the city by falling trees and limbs and workmen have been busy all day making necessary repairs. The toll service, however, was not damaged to any great extent.

TRAP DOOR

Whirled About the Head of a Mail Carrier But, Fortunately, Did Not Hurt Him.

Conrad Shade, the mail carrier of the High street district, was making his way along High street when a trap door whirled about his head, grazed his shoulder and then landed in the street. The door was torn from its place on the roof of the H. H. Shanafelt residence corner of High and Tenth streets. It was a narrow escape for the aged mail carrier.

SEVERELY SHOCKED.

Mrs. Schwingel Was Standing in a Doorway When Lightning Struck the House.

Two window lights in the second floor above the Schwingel grocery, at 212 North Cherry street were broken by a stroke of lightning yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Jacob Schwingel, who was standing in the door of the grocery, was severely shocked by the stroke.

BARN UNROOFED.

Joseph Jones Suffers a Loss at His Premises in the Northern End of the City.

Joseph Jones, of Oxford street and Chance avenue, is not just certain today whether his barn is a barn or an open lot. There are only three sides to it, and the top is missing. The storm took the roof off and deposited it in a neighboring field, and then the side went out. It will take a new barn to make the repairs fit the exigencies of the situation. The interior stock was damaged.

MEYER'S LAKE

Visited by the Storm, and Trees Are Down and Arc Lights in the Grounds Destroyed.

At Meyer's lake the storm was very severe. The park has a torn and disheveled appearance today. The force of the wind knocked several of boats from their moorings, and some were damaged by being forced against the piers. There was some damage to the buildings, but the trees suffered more severely. In various parts of the ground the trees are down, and they number at least a dozen. The damage is further enhanced by the fact that the electric lights were fastened to the trees. Nearly every light in the immense park is damaged and some arc lights were smashed so that they must be replaced by new ones. Trees were blown down on adjoining farms, and the electric line to the lake had some close calls. The line, though, did not suffer so severely as was anticipated, and traffic was not hindered seriously.

POTENT COMBINATION.

Lightning Punched a Hole in the Roof and the Wind Attended to the Details.

During the storm lightning played an important part. In some places the electric current from the clouds punctured the roofs to give the wind a chance to more surely get in its work. This was the case at the office of the Wrought Iron Bridge company in the south end of the city. Lightning

punched a hole through the slate roof of the office and in a moment the air was filled with flying shingles. In this instance the arrangements between lightning and wind were excellent. Employees of the office hurriedly removed valuable drawings out of danger of the flood which poured into the building and little damage resulted to the interior.

HOUSE FLOODED.

Three Big Windows Blow In and the Storm Caused Great Damage to Household Goods.

The home of Frank Clise, of 421 Hazlett avenue, looks as if it had gone through the deluge of early days. Three big windows, facing the direction from which the storm came, were blown in and shattered, and the rain came in, flooding the entire house. It was impossible to close the apertures successfully and the storm beat in for nearly half an hour. The damage to furniture and other belongings is great and considerable plastering will have to be done.

BURNED OUT.

Circuit No. 2, Controlling Sixteen Fire Alarm Boxes, Was Rendered Useless.

Circuit No. 2, which controls 16 boxes of the fire alarm system was burned out in the early part of the afternoon and after several hours work was repaired by Fire Chief Leininger. At 9 o'clock last night the wires were struck again, causing the big gong in the city hall to ring. No damage was done at this time.

Three circuits out of four were burned out at the patrol station during the afternoon. Everything this morning is in working order having been repaired by Electrician Leininger.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Came in for Their Share and the Work of Injury Was Not Confined to the Afternoon.

The public schools of the city came in for their share of the damage done by the storms yesterday afternoon and evening. In the afternoon the wind ripped tiles by the yard from the roof of the High school and the final of the tower was bent and twisted.

The South Market street building presented a solid front to the western blast and the windows could not stand the strain and dozens of panes of glass were shattered. A panic among the pupils was averted only by the cool heads of the teachers who assured their pupils that there was no danger.

The Garfield avenue school passed unscathed through the afternoon storm but proved a mark for the evening exhibition. A bolt from the skies struck the bell tower, ripped off a streak of slate, jumped to the roof and knocked a large hole in it and scattered slate and timbers in all directions. Plastering was knocked from the ceilings of the interior and the school rooms were generally littered. The damage will amount to at least one hundred dollars.

DUEBER WORKS

Received the Effects of the Blow, and the Occupants Were Ready to Jump.

The Dueber-Hampden factories on the high bluff west of the city, received the full force of the afternoon blow. A portion of the building was razed by a small tornado when about completed some years ago and ready for occupancy and this fact was, no doubt, in the minds of many of the employees when the gale struck the huge building, yesterday. For a quarter of an hour, it is said, the greatest fear existed lest the factories be leveled to the ground. The buildings, it is said by one who was present, rocked and trembled in the teeth of the blast. The women employees became panic stricken and many stood close to the windows to be able to leap out if necessity required it. The gale, fortunately, soon subsided and besides the blowing off of a few pieces of slate, little damage was done to the big plant.

INESTIMABLE.

Damage to Shade Trees Throughout the City Cannot be Accurately Computed.

The damage to shade trees throughout the city is inestimable. Not only were many blown down, but the limbs of many were torn off and the beauty of the tree destroyed. Hardly a section of the city escaped. The north section of the town was strewn with broken limbs and parts of trees. In nearly every lot there was some damage.

In the fine Harter property, that extends through from Market street to Cleveland avenue, the loss was comparatively small. No large trees went down, though the trees of neighbors did not withstand the storm. Many limbs were strewn about the premises. Three trees on the Captain Williams' property were blown over. One blocked the street between Meyer avenue and Lake street. One tall trunk that had been dead for some years, stood just beside the steps at the porch of the Williams residence, on an eminence. It was taller than the house, and the ladies of the household had planted at its root a trailing vine, that covered the whole tree, making a pretty effect. The storm broke it off at the ground, and in falling it took down a considerable amount of shrubbery and some limbs from other trees. Fortunately it was blown away from the house. A tree at the Fred Huxthal residence, 1036 North Market street, went down. It was a valuable shade

tree and added to the beauty of the property. Back of Fred Huxthal's residence, No. 1309 Fifth street, a shade tree was blown down. One of the fine, large trees in Cook park could not stand the force of the wind and went over. At the Joseph Weaver home, in South Cleveland avenue, which is immediately across the street from the John Hadley home which was unroofed, a large shade tree in the front yard was blown down. The tree struck the front porch doing considerable damage. In front of the properties of C. Fiala and A. Schwertner, in North Walnut street, shade trees were damaged and several limbs were broken off.

STREET RAILWAY

Suffers Considerable Damage, Cars are Burned Out and a Generator Destroyed at the Station.

The street railway operators had a lively time of it during the afternoon, and also in the storm last night. Open cars were not protection for the passengers, and it was of little avail to put the curtains down. They are necessarily too light to prevail against a storm accompanied with so severe wind, and those passengers who could not get into a more friendly place of shelter, got wet. The employees along the lines were drenched. The older employees knew just what to do, and they got off in the rain and pulled the trolleys down, while the electric storm spent itself. Some of the newer employees forgot this feature and had difficulty in keeping the lightning out of the motors. A recent storm, during which five motors burned out, served as a warning to most of them, however, and there was little damage from that source. Three cars burned out, which is the extent of the damage to rolling stock. At the power house, however, the damage was severe. The power was knocked off frequently, and it was almost impossible for a time to keep going. A large generator was burned out, which occasioned quite a loss and a great deal of extra work for the employees.

Near the South Market street switch, during the afternoon, a tree was blown down. It was a tall one and extended out across the track. In its fall it caught the trolley wire and carried it down, tearing it loose from the overhead switch plate. Considerable delay to traffic was occasioned till repairs were made and the tree chopped up and removed from the track. This is the only damage to the line that was reported, though some trees nearly reached the wires and some limbs were blown against them.

CHIMNEYS DOWN.

Some Dwellings Badly Damaged and a Great Deal of Inconvenience Caused by the Storm.

There is hardly a chimney in the city that hasn't a brick or two missing from it, and there are some vacant places where chimneys once stood. At the home of L. W. Wells, 1452 North Cleveland avenue, a flue was knocked off the house, and came down with a crash. Some damage was done to the interior by the soot. In Franklin street the chimney on T. B. Paxson's residence went down in the gale, creating considerable havoc. At the Melbourne Hotel two big flues came down at once. They made a terrible racket and did a great deal of damage. A skylight was also damaged, and will require a considerable outlay before it is repaired. Several persons in the house were badly frightened.

A large chimney on the John Hadley residence, corner South Cleveland avenue and Williams street was blown down. It crashed through the roof and a torrent of water poured into the house. Spring housecleaning had been completed and new wall paper and newly painted woodwork were ruined. Plastering fell and a damage of several hundred dollars resulted.

The damage at the residence of John Reno, in West Tuscarawas street, was briefly mentioned in the 3:30 p. m. edition of the News-Democrat Tuesday. It proves to be more serious than at first indicated. A chimney came down from the top of the house, crashed through the roof of the kitchen and tore things up generally. Mrs. Reno had just stepped out of the kitchen into the dining room, and her exit was none too soon. The damage will amount to about \$150.

The damage at the residence of J. A. Wann, mentioned in Tuesday's 3:30 p. m. edition of the News-Democrat, was occasioned by a falling chimney. It crashed into the attic. There was a hot fire burning down stairs, and the house was soon filled with soot and smoke. The domestic, in an effort to be useful, poured water into the fire to put it out. That created a steam that permeated to the farthest corner of the house, dampened the soot and made it stick to the furniture. Housecleaning at the Wann home will be repeated. The domestic has recovered from the shock.

A chimney on the residence of Frederick Vogelzang, at 1411 Logan ave., blew down during the storm and \$10 worth of injury was done to the roof.

AT ALTOONA.

Roof Blown Off a Big Silk Mill and a Telegraph Tower Goes Over an Embankment.

Special to the News-Democrat.
ALTOONA, Pa., May 17.—A violent wind, hail and rainstorm, lasting half an hour, swept over this section. The wind velocity was about 50 miles an hour. Part of the roof of the big silk mill was blown off and an immense reservoir on the roof was blown into the street below. The water run down into the mill and saturated bales of raw material and also finished silk, causing great damage. A telegraph tower at McGarvey's station, a couple of miles west of here, was blown over the railroad embankment, with the operators and watchman in it. They escaped injury.

AT MASSILLON.

No Great Damage to Building but Shade Trees Were Blown Over.

Special to the News-Democrat.
Massillon, May 17.—The severe wind, hail and rain storm of Tuesday afternoon greatly damaged fruit trees and grain crops. Wheat was blown down and cut by hail so that much will be lost. Fruit trees were badly torn and many were completely destroyed. A number of the beautiful shade trees in the city were disfigured by the loss of limbs, and the gardens suffered much.

MAIN'S CIRCUS

Blown Over and a Great Deal of Other Damage Done by the Storm in Akron.

Special to the News-Democrat.
AKRON, O., May 17.—A cyclone struck this city and did much damage. The storm struck the tents of Main's circus and they collapsed upon the crowd. Policemen had hard work to prevent a panic, but the spectators were finally released without injury. In East Akron the Biggs Boiler company shops were badly damaged and a portion of the stone wall fell upon the office roof, crashing through it and completely wrecking the interior. The shops of the Akron Sewer Pipe company also suffered heavily, more than 150 feet of the main building being blown down and three men were slightly injured. Other shops and buildings about the city were damaged more or less and many trees were destroyed. Carriages were overturned in the street and awnings were torn away.

FATAL INJURIES.

Sustained by a Teacher, and a Number of Pupils Are Also Badly Hurt.

Special to the News-Democrat.
MONTPELIER, Vt., May 17.—A brick school house near Alverton was struck by a windstorm and of its 25 occupants but three escaped uninjured. The teacher, Miss Flossie Fisher, is probably fatally injured. Two children were struck on the head with flying bricks and cannot live. A number of the pupils are seriously hurt. The building was wrecked.

FATAL BOLT.

A Young Man Struck by Lightning at Dubois, Pa., and the Storm Created Great Havoc.

Special to the News-Democrat.
DUBOIS, Pa., May 17.—William Mack, aged 17 years, was killed by lightning at Brookville during a terrific storm. The boy had sought shelter in an outhouse during the storm and the building was struck. The storm did great damage in the way of uprooting unroofing buildings and breaking telegraph and telephone wires.

AT TOLEDO.

Plate Glass Fronts Were Blown In and a Great Deal of Damage Done in the City.

Special to the News-Democrat.
TOLEDO, May 17.—Toledo and North-western Ohio passed through one of the worst storms in years. Several small boats on the river were reported as capsized. In the city a number of plate glass fronts were blown in and other damage to a considerable amount done. Several houses were unroofed at Tiffin and at the France stonequarry a number of workmen were more or less injured, Lewis Leslie being picked up by the wind and carried some distance.

FORMER CANTONIAN

Dies in Chicago and His Remains Are Interred in Zanesville.

H. W. Meriam, who formerly resided at 530 West Tuscarawas street, this city, died at his home in Chicago Friday, May 12. Death was caused by blood poisoning, resulting from an ulcerated tooth. Mr. Meriam was well known in this city where for five years he was an attorney in the legal department of the C. A. Tamm company. He was a cousin of C. N. Nye of North Cleveland avenue. Mrs. Meriam was a prominent member of Sorosis and lectured here under Sorosis auspices last winter. Both Mr. and Mrs. Meriam were members of the Episcopal church. The remains of the former Cantonian were interred in Zanesville Monday.

Real Estate Transfers.

Joseph Schneider by executor to Frederick Vogelzang, Canton, lot 6757 p 100x150, \$1.

Frank A. Piero by assignee to Richard A. Reed, Canton, lots Nos. 7548, 7549, 7550, 7551, \$200.

Peter Kirchstein by sheriff to Ella Kendall, Canton, lot 6456. 50 ft. w. s., \$334.

John Lenhart to Bernhard Steinbrager, Canton, lots 4368, 4369, 3-13 ft., \$500.

Mont Haaser to William Rommel, Canton, lot 48, und. 1-2, \$7000.

Z. T. Baltzley to Elizabeth Hinderer, Massillon, lots 1036, 1037, 1038, e. 1-3, \$300.

John Janson to Jacob E. Smith, Sandp tp., 12 acres, \$550.

Florence Mottice to Jacob E. Smith, .07 acre, \$150.

Andrew Blantz to Frank Heesler, Tuscarawas tp., 1 acre, \$219.70.

Bought a Brewery.

Mr. V. Spitchka, formerly brewmaster of the Massillon brewery, and Mr. J. Theobald of Cleveland, have purchased the Louisville brewery.

NINE INJURED

And Late Reports Indicate That Two Will Die.

TONS OF BRICK AND MORTAR

Crash Through the Roof Into a School House Burying Children Under Debris—Teacher Tells How the Catastrophe Occurred.

Disaster at Kiefer school, Lawrence township.
Special to the News-Democrat says that the injuries to Tillie Pitz may prove fatal. She is in a serious condition. Helen Kline, daughter of the superintendent of the Krause mine, is also in a bad way. School teacher, Reisoehi, acted the part of a hero, and alone rescued the children, taking them out from under piles of brick and mortar.

When the Canton base ball team returned from North Lawrence last night where they had gone to play a game, they brought with them a report that a school house about three miles north of North Lawrence was blown down during the hurricane of the afternoon, and a number of children killed or injured. Mr. Wm. B. Bast of the team was soon found by a News-Democrat man and asked concerning the rumor. He said that while they were at North Lawrence several persons came into the village from the vicinity of the school house and told them the school house had blown down and that fourteen children were missing and were probably beneath the ruins. This was all he knew of the reported disaster, as the ball team left for home shortly afterwards. Mr. Bast stated that between Massillon and North Lawrence the force of the wind laid low hundreds of trees and fences and small sheds in many places, were overturned and demolished. The following special was received this morning from North Lawrence:

During the storm Tuesday afternoon the west gable end of the school house in district No. 4, Lawrence township, south of Canal Fulton, known as Kiefer district, was blown in by the force of the wind, and nine pupils were injured, some of them quite seriously. The injured were: Mary Kurtz, skull injured; Esther Kurtz, her sister, ankle broken; Helen Klein, scalp wound; Zella Groff, skull depressed and ankle broken; Grace Herbert, leg broken; Susie Dapp, scalp wound; Tillie Pitz, scalp wounds and badly bruised about the chest; Mabel Leaver, scalp wounds; Jennie Smith, head bruised. Four scholars were buried beneath the debris of brick and wooden beams. They were extricated by the teacher, Charles C. Reisoehi, and Harry Wagner, assisted by other pupils. Those injured occupied seats nearest the west wing which collapsed. The seats were broken to kindling by the mass of brick, plaster, and timber, weighing at least two tons, falling upon them. The accident occurred at 3:15 p. m. Physicians were summoned and rendered all the aid possible.

A special from Massillon to the News-Democrat, this afternoon, states that Helen Klein is badly injured internally, and that she may not survive. She is a daughter of Conrad Klein, superintendent of the Krause mine.

The condition of Lillian Pitz, daughter of William Pitz, is also serious. News-Democrat telephones were kept busy this morning and anxious inquiries came to this office from numerous Cantonians, who have relatives in the Kiefer school district, eagerly sought particulars. They were informed early in the day that nineteen children had been killed, and many of them felt much relieved when assured by the News-Democrat that the occurrence, though serious, was not as severe as at first reported.

TEACHER TALKS.

"It occurred during the second storm," said Teacher Charles Reisoehi, Tuesday evening. We were having examination at the school, and I had just put a list of questions on the board. The sun had come out after the first storm and we had opened our door. When the second came up I moved toward the south end of the building to shut the door. I had hardly done so when the wall came in. There was not the slightest warning of any kind. Instantly the air became filled with cries of "Teacher, teacher, help me out!" and the shrill screams of the sufferers. I ordered the uninjured scholars to leave the room in as orderly a manner as possible. It was not necessary for me to tell them to go however; many of them had gone before I did so."

HEROIC WORK.

The school house is of brick, one story high and has but one room. The disaster caused a panic among the unharmed pupils of the school, who fled from the room, leaving the teacher, Charles Reisoehi, alone to extricate the children, buried or partially buried under three tons of brick and mortar. He did heroic work. Bernon Jackson and Mr. Kimlich, who happened to be in the neighborhood, startled by the heartrending cries of the injured and sight of the others pouring from the building, hurried to the scene and got there in time to be of some assistance to the teacher in his rescuing work. None of the injured were unconscious. They were carried to the home of John Laviers, not far away, where they were made comfortable by Mrs. Laviers, who then fainted and was in a serious condition as the children for a time.

Oeffinger-Morgan.

Mr. Paul Oeffinger and Mrs. Flora Morgan were married last evening by Rev. E. P. Herbruck, at No. 909 West Fourth street. The couple are well known in the city and will receive the hearty well wishes of many friends. They are at home at No. 909 West Fourth street.

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